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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The Korean Situation

I. Military Situation

Summary. UN forces to be intact with
the 38th parallel. The enemy has been
disorganized and has been largely disbanded.
Enemy elements throughout South Korea have lost all organizational
cohesion as individual units and are attempting to hide in the hills
during the day and withdraw to the north by any possible route by night.
The elimination of these enemy pockets continued, but enemy forces
attempting to regroup near the 38th parallel for the defense of North
Korea were given a respite as UN ground forces consolidated their posi-
tions and bad weather restricted UN air operations. ROK forces pushed
along the east coast road, however, and advanced against negligible op-
position to a position about ten miles north of Kosong.

Section of Defense
Ground Intelligence

Enemy troop concentrations with tanks and artillery are reported in
the 38th parallel area astride the main roads running north and north-
west of Seoul into North Korea. Within South Korea, however, enemy
remants appear to have lost all organizational cohesion and are attempt-
ing to withdraw to the north by small trails at night. The ROK 3rd
Division, followed by the ROK Capital Division, has advanced another ten
miles from Kosong on the east coast road leading to Wonsan.

Navy

UN naval vessels patrolled both the east and west coasts of Korea
but reported no unusual enemy activity.

Air

Bad weather restricted UN air operations, but bombers were able to
make visual strikes against North Korean marshalling yards, bridges, and
military training camps. In the Hungnam area, seven enemy tanks moving
on the road were destroyed by UN aircraft.

II. General Situation

US Ambassador Muccio reports from Seoul that the general populace
appears most happy to be relieved of the Communist occupation and that

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even the Korean national police (who were feared and disliked before the war) received widespread and continuous applause when they returned to Seoul and paraded through the streets on 1 October. Apparently most Communists and Communist sympathizers left Seoul with the North Korean Army, which also forced many hostages to accompany the retreat.

EGA officials report from Seoul that preliminary surveys indicate major industries in Seoul are largely destroyed or burned out. Of the 150,000 spindles in the Seoul area, only 3,200 appear to be intact with two large textile mills totally destroyed and two others largely destroyed. The people of Seoul are hungry and will require immediate imports of food to sustain them at least until December when the 1950 rice crop, which appears adequate, should be available for distribution.

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